

MADE AN OFFICIAL CALL

ON PRESIDENT DOLE THIS MORNING.

Captain Barker and the Officers of the Philadelphia at the Executive Building.

At 10:30 this morning Company E, under the command of Captain Good, formed in line in front of the Executive Building and, headed by the Hawaiian band, marched over to the Judiciary Building, where Company A, under the command of Captain Ziegler, was waiting them. The two commands then returned to the Palace grounds, where they were drawn up in line to await the arrival of the Philadelphia's officers, the band playing American airs in the meantime.

At five minutes to eleven President Dole emerged from his room, attended by Col. J. H. Soper, Lieutenant Col. Fisher, Major Potter, Dr. Rodgers, and Captains Gartenberg, Holland and Camara, and took up a position in the Gold Room. Promptly at 11 o'clock six carriages bearing the officers of the flagstaff entered the gates, the band struck up a patriotic air, the troops presented arms, and the carriages proceeded slowly along the line until the main entrance was reached. Here the visiting representatives of Uncle Sam's navy were received by Major Potter, the President's aide, and escorted to the Gold Room. Besides President Dole and his officers there were present Minister King, Attorney General Smith, Councilmen Emmelhut, Waterhouse, Young and a solitary reporter in the shape of the STAR's representative. The officers, headed by Captain Barker, were introduced to President Dole by Consul-General Severance and afterwards to the members of the Cabinet and others. No speeches were made, the call being simply a friendly and informal one.

Captain Barker was accompanied by Surgeon Winslow, Paymaster Hendee, Lieutenants Wood, Seabury, Sharp, Merlich and Sims, Ensigns Williams and Ziegenmeyer, Lieutenant of Marines Prince, Passed Assistant-Engineer Holmes. The call lasted just fifteen minutes, the time being mostly taken up with introductions, and on the part of some of the officers in detailing their recollections of past visits to this city. The visitors were then escorted to their carriages by Major Potter, the band playing "The Star Spangled Banner," the troops again presented arms, and official etiquette had been more than complied with.

President Dole looked well and hearty and seemed to feel vigorous. He is somewhat browned by exposure. He appeared highly gratified that so many of the officers of the Philadelphia had honored him by calling.

-OUTSIDE NOTES-

No speeches were made. Minister Damon was not there. The soldiers wore their new uniforms to-day.

Adjutant Pratt was fairly in it this morning.

Dr. Rogers looked gorgeous in his new uniform.

The visiting officers were a fine-looking set of men.

Cigars and cigarettes had been provided in the adjoining room.

Major Potter did himself proud and his uniform was simply immense.

Councilmen Emmelhut and Young disappeared as soon as the introductions were over.

Companies A and E looked well and some of their evolutions were the subject of deserved approbation.

The two companies were put through a little preliminary drill by Major McLeod while waiting for the naval visitors.

The Gold room, where the reception took place, gets its name from the color of the furniture, hangings and carpets, which are in old gold.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Official Report of His Trip of Inspection to Hawaii.

His Excellency S. M. Damon, Minister of Finance—Sir: I have the honor to submit herewith my report of a tour of the island of Maui, made for the purpose of examining into the postal service.

Leaving Honolulu on September 26th, I landed the following morning at Keane, where I found the postal agency in the hands of Mr. D. W. Napahua, whose residence where he handles the letters is a short distance from the boat landing. After giving him instructions as to the handling of the mails, etc., and getting information from him as to the arrival and departure of the mail carrier, I again embarked on the steamer for Hana. There the postal and money order department is in the hands of Mr. J. Grunwald. After an examination found his accounts were kept according to instructions. Gave him orders as to the handling of the mails, etc., and instructed him in the rules of the money order department, as to the issuing and paying of orders. I also gained some information from him as to the time of arrival and departure of the mail carriers to and from Kipahulu and Paia.

My next visit was to the post and money-order office at Hama, where Mr. W. von Gravenmeier is postmaster. Found everything in good order. I next came to the post and money-order office of Kipahulu, conducted by Mr. A. Buckholtz in an efficient manner. This office receives mail both by way of Hana and Uluapalua.

My next stopping place was at the residence of Mr. C. Andrews, who has charge of the postal agency at Kaupo.

After giving him the usual instructions, I started on a long ride through Kaupo and Kahikini to Uluapalua, under the postal agency is conducted by Mr. L. Parish. I remained over night, and next morning, after giving him the necessary instructions for the working of his office, I rode on to Keokea and Waieka, where the agency is conducted by Mr. Maikai and Mr. Naieono respectively, and on to Makawao. Here the post and money-order department is in charge of Mr. J. G. Anderson. Examined into the manner of keeping accounts and instructed him as to the handling of mails, etc. Inquired into the arrival and departure of mail carriers, etc. Found his accounts kept in good order. This office has a local mail every day from Waieka and way stations.

After resting a night I next visited the postal agency at Pauwela under the management of Mr. D. W. Kukopaa, and then on to Huelo. This office is conducted by Mr. J. R. Smyth. It was formerly a money-order office, but since the abandonment of the Huelo plantation this system has been discontinued.

My next visit was to the post and money order office at Hamakua, where Mr. W. F. Mossman is acting postmaster. Gave the usual instructions and found the books kept as ordered. The next office visited was at Paia, Mr. J. W. Colville, postmaster. It is also a money order office. Everything was found in good running order. Being the terminus of the Kahului railroad, it makes up and dispatches daily mails to the various points beyond.

Speckelsville was the next office to visit. Mr. H. Center, postmaster. Found everything in good running order. After giving the usual instructions as to handling of mails, etc., I proceeded to the Kahului office, where I found Mr. Carley acting as postmaster. This is also a money order office. Found the books correct after examination, and kept in accordance with instructions from the general office. Gave orders as to the handling of mails and other details of office work. This office has thirty lock boxes. Two mails are dispatched daily from here to Speckelsville and Paia, and three times to Waieka.

Leaving Kahului I then visited the post and money order office at Waieka, where Mr. W. A. McKay is postmaster. This is the largest office on the island and distributes mail to all quarters of East Maui. The accounts were found to be kept in accordance with the rules of the general office. Left instructions as to the manner of handling the mails. There are seventy lock boxes here, most of which are rented.

Waieka was next visited where I met Mr. C. M. Walton, the postmaster, who conducts his business at the office of the plantation in a satisfactory manner.

This finishing up East Maui, I next took the S. S. Mikahala at Maalaea bay and landed at Lahaina, where the post and money order office is conducted by Mr. T. C. Forsyth. The office is situated in the Government building or Court House, where it has been located for years. It has 120 lock boxes, which at one time—when Lahaina was in its prime—were always rented, but now one-third answers the purpose. Found the accounts kept according to instructions as to the handling of mails, etc.

I then went over the mail route from Lahaina to Honokahua, stopping at Honokahua on the way. These agencies are conducted by Mr. D. Kapaku and Mr. J. A. Kaukau respectively. Found postal affairs in good order.

In conclusion, I desire to state to Your Excellency that my visit to the Island of Maui, will, I feel sure, have a beneficial result as to the future working of this branch of the public service.

I have the honor to be, sir, Your obedient servant, Jos. M. Oat, Postmaster-General.

Y. M. C. A. MATTERS.

The Good Work Being Done by Secretary Corbett.

There seems to have been a general revival in the interest attaching to Y. M. C. A. matters since Secretary Corbett took charge, and many new attractions are promised in the near future. One of the most prominent of these are evening classes in short-hand, type-writing, bookkeeping and mechanical and free-hand drawing. Monday and Thursday evenings will be devoted to short-hand and type-writing, with D. W. Corbett as instructor. On Tuesday evenings P. C. Jones and W. A. Bowen will give lessons in practical bookkeeping, and on Monday evening Mr. Hedeman will instruct a class in drawing. No charge will be made for tuition, but an entrance fee of \$1 will be required. This will be returned at the end of the term if the pupil attains a proficiency of 80 per cent, otherwise it becomes the property of the association.

The recent concert given under the auspices of the Glee Club for the benefit of the library netted nearly \$100, and will result in adding some 200 books to that institution. On to-morrow evening a free temperance concert will be given at 7:30 o'clock, with the following program:

1. Mandolin and Guitar.
2. Tenor Solo.
3. Duet.
4. Recitation.
5. Song.
6. Cornet Solo.
7. Ten Minute Address.

Messrs. Ordway and Hennessy.
Messrs. Lyman and R. Childs.
Mrs. F. Nichols.
Mrs. C. W. Muller.
Mr. Cruder.
Mr. George Van Houten.

"Star" Stockholders.

The stockholders of the HAWAIIAN STAR Newspaper Association Ltd., will hold their annual meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A BIG OPIUM SEIZURE.

IT WAS MADE EARLY THIS MORNING.

Two Men Under Arrest but They May Not Be the Owners of the Drug—A Mystery.

At about 1 o'clock this morning Captain Andrews and a posse of police under his command made a raid on the premises occupied by William Brash, near the St. Louis College, and captured forty-nine half pound tins of opium valued at \$18 per tin. E. Devauschelle and Isaac Cockett were arrested in connection with the affair and charged with having the opium in their possession.

This morning Cockett and Devauschelle were brought up in the Police Court, charged with selling opium, but further consideration of the case was postponed until Tuesday; and now everybody is wondering who really owned the opium. Devauschelle has been employed off and on as a Custom House guard, but was discharged a little while since. About Cockett little is known. There seems to be no question that the real party or parties concerned in this opium transaction have not been captured. It is even rumored that the whole of it was stolen from the carpenter of one of the sailing vessels regularly plying between here and San Francisco some two or three months since, and further developments may be looked for at any time.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Nothing but Probate Matters Being Considered.

This morning Judge Whiting considered the final account of Bruce Cartwright, as administrator of the estate of Eliza Wood Holt, and his petition for discharge. The question as to whether the accounts should be referred to a master was taken under advisement.

In the case of Allen & Robinson vs. W. C. Peacock et al., the plaintiffs have filed their bill of exceptions.

The petition for letters of administration on the estate of P. Ojferget will be heard on November 13th.

The hearing of the petition of the probate of the will of Charlotte Adams is set for Friday, November 3d.

The petition for the allowance of the accounts and discharge of the executor of the estate of J. E. Bidwell will be heard next Friday.

POLICE COURT MATTERS.

A Large Number of Chinese Gambling Cases Disposed Of.

At this morning's session of the District Court a large number of gambling cases were disposed of. Eight Chinese arrested for playing dominoes were first brought up. Two of these pleaded guilty and were fined \$15 and costs. The others were discharged.

C. Keawe, charged with conducting a banking game known as *che fa*, was the next victim. His case occupied some time and resulted in his being convicted. He was fined \$150 and costs.

D. W. Logana, charged with extorting money from Chinamen, pleaded not guilty, and the taking of the testimony has not yet been concluded.

Kaahau, previously convicted of selling liquor without a license, was called up for sentence and got off with a fine of \$750 and costs.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Henry Bindt is doing reportorial work on the *Holomua*.

H. Crane will act as captain of the Myrtle ball team for the balance of the season.

The annual meeting of the Kilauea Cyclorama Company will be held on October 27th.

The first dress parade of the six volunteer companies will take place to-morrow at 4:30 p. m.

Volunteer Company A was presented with a keg of beer last night by J. S. Martin as a reward for the best drill.

The Honolulu Library and Reading Room Association elects officers to-night, who will serve for the ensuing year.

Hon. S. M. Damon now occupies the rooms formerly used as a law office by Carter & Carter. He does Bishop estate business there.

The sale of the Sam Parker property under execution, which was advertised for to-day, has been again postponed one week at the request of the creditors.

Our steamship time table has been revised so as to comply with the latest schedules of the lines running to Honolulu.

"Anything new in the situation, Mr. Hatch?" "Not a thing!" "Anything new, Mr. Attorney-General?" "Nothing whatever!"

Captain Ziegler gave his company a drill on Palace square this morning after the reception of the Philadelphia's officers. This afternoon Captain Good's company has possession of the square and is being put through a number of difficult evolutions.

The *Paradise of the Pacific* is out for September. A view of Pearl Harbor appears as a frontispiece, and there are other pictures of dwellings and tropical growths. The descriptive articles are of a kind that may be profitably sent to friends abroad, and the whole table of contents is instructive and readable.

SAMUEL M. CARTER.

His Death Occurred Yesterday After a Long Illness.

At 5:30 p. m. Samuel M. Carter breathed his last after a long and painful illness. For more than five years Mr. Carter has been a sufferer, and for three years past it was not supposed that he could live but a short time. His mother came here in 1833 and married Joseph O. Carter, now dead. She was the first white woman married here outside the old missionary families.

Mr. Carter was one of five children, Joseph O., H. A. P., Alfred and Samuel Carter and Mrs. Lewers. The only ones who survive him are J. O. Carter and Mrs. Lewers. He leaves a widow and seven children, as follows: Frederick W. and John Carter, Mrs. Olin Kightly and Mrs. J. O. Young, all of Seattle, and Alfred, Ethel and Florence, of Honolulu.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, from the family residence on Nuuanu street, the services being conducted by the Rev. H. H. Parker. The services at the grave will be conducted by Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, E. A. M., Andrew Brown, worshipful master, with the usual masonic ceremonies, the deceased having been an honored member of that lodge at the time of his death.

Supreme Court Decision.

The Supreme Court has sent down a decision which settles the cases of Ah Ping and Yeung Ching, plaintiffs in error, vs. The Provisional Government, and the Provisional Government vs. Tam Sing. The opinion is a long one, written by Chief Justice Judd, and decides that under Sec. 68 of the act to reorganize the Judiciary department the trial on appeal of a defendant, jury being waived, cannot be held by the Circuit Court or Circuit Judge in vacation. The other Justices concur in the decision. A. S. Hartwell for defendants, P. Neumann for Tam Sing and the Attorney-General for the Government.

Central Union Church.

The regular monthly social of the members of the Central Union Church was held in the church parlors last night. During the evening Mr. Ruevsky and Mrs. Warner rendered solos and Mrs. Frear gave a reading. Messrs. Ordway and Hennessy entertained the audience with a duet on the mandolin and guitar. The evening's entertainment came to a close with a fine collation supplied by the ladies.

The Boy Traveler.

Mrs. Skerrett has presented the boy globe-trotter, Louis Morningstar, with a handsome valise and some needed articles of clothing. This morning Louis made a deferred call on the President and was received with great kindness. The lad says he never had a better time in his life than he is getting here.

PERSONAL.

T. H. Rowland goes to Hilo to-day to take charge of the telephone business at that place.

Late arrivals at the Arlington are George P. Tullock of Kohala and Fred Clinton of Honokaa, Hawaii, and E. Kopke of Ewa plantation.

Executioners' Fees.

A curious document kept in the archives of Darmstadt records the compensation of executioners in olden times. According to the enumeration of crimes and their punishments contained in this manuscript, the executioner of Darmstadt received the following fees: For boiling a malefactor, \$12; for quartering a criminal, \$10; for burning a witch alive, \$6; for putting a man in the stocks, \$1 25; for burning the gallows on a man's forehead or cheek, \$2 50; for cutting off a man's nose or ears, \$2 25; for ordinary torture, \$2 50.

The list closes with the remark that the executioner is always to be provided with board and lodging.—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Children, as well as plants, grow mostly at night.

Four false Messiahs appeared between 1614 and 1683.

Type-written letters are valueless as evidence in courts.

The whole of the Hebrew alphabet is plainly marked by groups of stars.

There are fifty abandoned ships floating about in the Atlantic, which are dangerous.

One-third of the California fruit ranches are either owned or managed by women.

One species of perch crawls from one stream to another over dry land, and is known to climb trees.

Lighting recently struck the British ship *Oxford* off Cape Hatteras and ruined every compass on board.

At Dauphine, France, an ancient tomb has been unearthed which contained a human skeleton 25½ feet long.

Workmen near Laredo, Texas, exhumed an old flint-lock musket, full cocked, loaded and primed. The stock was partially petrified.

One of the East India Sultans is a dwarf only 3 feet 10 inches, but his name is one giant word of fifty-nine letters. Space is too valuable to print it.

Natives of Darkest Africa, ignorant of the firewater of the whites, make their own beer out of bananas and wine out of palms. They manage to extract the jags of the civilized sort out of these beverages.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

BUT ONE DEPARTURE AND NO ARRIVALS.

The Kinau Sails—A Lost Boat—Another Phantom Ship—A Chinaman's Mistake.

This morning at the boat landing an almond-eyed son of Confucius, the possessor of particularly dainty tastes, got a little mud on his shoes and was looking around for something to wipe it off with, when a piece of paper, just what he desired, caught his eye and he stooped to pick it up. Without any apparent cause the paper moved off a few inches just as John's fingers touched it, and John forgot all about his muddy boots in his wild haste to get away from the sorcery. A derisive shout went up from the boat boys sitting on the bench. Like a few other and more important things in the vicinity, the paper had a string on it, and some one had pulled the string.

Events last evening proved Captain Smith's fears, that the scow carrying anchor chains to the Miowera would capsize, to have been well grounded. After the anchors had been raised from the Miowera's starboard quarter, and the scow towed under her bows and the end of a line made fast to the chain passed aboard, the craft was found to be nearly full of water and the 5000 pound anchor had to be dropped where it was to avoid sinking. The tug went out with the scow again to-day to take up the anchor and move it to a proper distance.

Captain Stett of the Miowera is mourning the loss of the ship's dingy, the boat having disappeared while the ship's boats were moored together at the buoy near the wreck. It is said that the boat went adrift and was picked up by a native who brought it ashore, and after a day or two, no one coming to claim the boat and pay him for picking it up, he repainted it, and it is now doing duty under a different name. The Miowera's life boats are moored to a dredger back of the Pacific Mail dock.

After the hard usage received by Commodore Simonson's flagship and her convoy last week, it will be necessary for the latter to go on the dry dock as soon as she can be spared. Mr. Simonson thinks the damages will amount to fully \$200.

That there is a dingy race on between the crews of the Adams and Philadelphia is said to be a sure thing, but what the stake is to be or when the event is to come off, no one seems to know.

The bark Paul Isenberg will sail for San Francisco Friday, October 20th, with six hundred tons of coal, it having been decided to discharge one hundred tons here.

At an early hour this morning a four masted schooner was telephoned as being in sight from Koko Head, but vanished soon after, as vessels do sometimes after being seen from that place.

The damage to the tug during the time she was working on the wreck will probably not amount to more than \$100.

The lumber schooner Robert Lewers has commenced discharging her cargo at the new wharf.

There were no arrivals in port to-day, and the steamer Kinau was the only departure.

The schooner Liliu is expected to sail for the Gilbert Islands to-morrow.

The Kinau sailed at 2 p. m. for Maui and Hawaii.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13.

DIAMOND HEAD, 3 P. M.—Weather hazy. Wind fresh, N. E.

ARRIVALS.

FRIDAY, October 13.
Schr May E Foster from Kauai.

DEPARTURES.

FRIDAY, October 13.
Schr Kinau, Clarke, for Maui and Hawaii.
Schr Kaukaui for Kona, Hawaii.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

Ger bk Paul Isenberg for San Francisco, Oct 20
Haw sch Liliu for Gilbert Is. Saturday Oct 21

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.
For Maui and Hawaii, per schr Kinau, Oct 13—Mrs. Akana, R. A. Kyanan, Judge Hapai, L. Severance, F. S. Lyman, B. D. Dard and wife, J. M. Oat, H. A. Parades, T. R. Walker, Mrs. K. Wilson, Bishop Willis, T. J. Asato, E. Dowsett, Chas. Hoxwell, Mrs. L. Asa, Mrs. Osoio and child, R. S. Agai, Mrs. Holmes, C. C. Kennedy, T. R. Keyworth, Mrs. C. L. Wright and child.

VESSELS IN PORT.

NAVAL VESSELS.
U. S. S. Adams, Nelson, San Francisco
U. S. S. Philadelphia, Barker, Callao, MERCHANTMEN.
Haw sch Liliu, Hinchfield, Jaluit, S. S. I.
Am brig Caydon, Calhoun, San Francisco.
Br sch County of Merioneth, Newcastle.
Ger bk Paul Isenberg, Liverpool.
Am bk Andrew Welch, San Francisco.
Ger bk J. C. Pflieger, Bremen.
Am bk S. N. Castle, Honolulu, San Francisco.
Am sch Transit, Jorgensen, San Francisco.
Am sch Robert Lewers, Goodman, Port G'de.

FOREIGN VESSELS EXPECTED.

Am bk Martha Davis, Boston, Aug 18
Am bk Eva, Humboldt Bay, Sept 15
Br sch Villata, Liverpool, Aug 16
Br bk Beakenfield, Sydney, Aug 20
Am brig Caydon, San Francisco, Oct 1
Am sch Aloha, San Francisco, Oct 1
Aaw sch J. G. North, San Francisco, Oct 1
Haw bk R. P. Rihet, San Francisco, Oct 1
Am sch Allen A. Eureka, San Francisco, Oct 1
Am bk W. G. Lewis, San Francisco, Oct 1
Am sch Glendale, Eureka, Oct 1

A WOMAN'S WAY.

She Objected to Her House Being Decorated Even by an Accident.

"A woman is a good deal like a cat," said the philosopher in the negligee shirt. "You can never tell which way they're going to jump."

"Wherefore?" asked the man in the alpaca coat.
"I was thinking of an incident that happened over on the west side awhile ago. There is a row of houses on a street up there that are rather close together. One day a man who lives along in the middle of the row thought that he would have his house painted, and he straightway went down town and hired the painters to do the job. His roof was one of the fancy shingle affairs, and he wanted it painted red. When the time came to paint the roof, the three men who were working on the job fixed a ladder upon it, and took places on the ladder—one at the peak, one in the middle and one at the eaves. They were painting along, when suddenly the ladder gave way, and they were thrown into the air. The man at the middle had gone down to the eaves, and the combined weight of the two tipped the ladder up, and threw the man at the peak into the air as if he had been sitting on the business end of a catapult.

When the man at the peak went up, he had a bucket of paint in his hand, and he took it with him. The other two men dropped to the ground, but he went away and fell against the wall of the next house. When he was going down, the ladder flew out of the bucket, and some of it went on the side of the house near which he struck. The painters felt about 30 feet and were pretty badly hurt. The man who had the fall from the peak of the ladder lay on the ground terribly injured. His back was broken and so were his legs. The men were all groaning, and quite a crowd gathered around. Somebody sent a call for an ambulance. Just then the woman who owned the house on which the paint was splashed came out. She ran over to the man who had his back broken and said, "Are you much hurt, my poor man?"

"He's pretty severely injured, mum," said a bystander.
"Oh, I'm so sorry!" she went on. "Is there anything I can do for the poor man?" Just then she turned and saw the splashes of red paint on the side of the house.
"Why," she screamed, "look at what the ladder has done! He's splashed paint all over my house! I don't see how men can be so careless. He might have taken a little pains to keep that paint off. Anyway, I'll make his boss pay for it." And she flounced into the house and left the unfortunate painters groaning on the ground.—*Buffalo Express*.

About Addressing Letters.

My dear fellow, when you write do not commit the unpardonable offense of sticking your envelope before you seal it. I received a dozen such. One, it grieves me to say, came from Boston's Somerset club. There, at least, they should know better. This was an unexpected blow. I do not like to speak of the superscription on another. It is actually painful even to think of. I must give it. It is a dreadful warning—striking example of what should not be done. The envelope read:

"Him,"
Vogue,
61 Union Place, Addressed.

"Addressed!" If this form ever existed among smart people, it is certainly obsolete. Its career was ended long before my time, in the days when grandmothers wrote in small, neat script and used blue paper for her love letters to dear grandpapa. It suggests now mown hay. I can see the winning smile of the gliding white wooden church surrounded by grave-stones, the village store, where the gentleman in charge dispenses groceries, dry goods and the United States mail. All of this of course is very picturesque in its setting. I love simplicity, I love the country; but I should be more than a little shocked if I were asked to a smart house in town to partake of butter milk, butter cakes and molasses at 6 o'clock in the afternoon. For antiquated, out of the way neighborhoods, where such viands are very acceptable, one might expect to receive a letter so "addressed."—"Him" in Vogue.

A Niece of Robert Burns.

Returning past the "thorn aboon the well," we came by a pleasant way to Bridge-side cottage, the home of Miss Isabella Burns Begg, niece of the bard and his only surviving near relative. The cottage is a cozy structure in stone, from whose thatched roof a dormer window, brilliant with flowers, peeps out through the foliage which embowers and half conceals the tiny homestead. The trimmest of little maids admitted us at the roadsideicket and conducted us along a path bordered by flowers to the cottage door, where stood Miss Begg beaming a cordial welcome upon the pilgrims from America. She is the daughter and namesake of Burns' youngest and favorite sister, Isabella, who married John Begg. We found her to be a singularly active and vivacious old lady, cheery and intelligent and manifestly pleased to have secured appropriate audience for her reminiscences of her gifted relative. She is of slender habit, has a bright and winning face and soft gray hair, and when she was seated beneath the Burns portrait we could see that her brilliant dark eyes were like those on the canvas.—*T. F. Wolfe in Ladies' Home Journal*.

Composition of the Sun and Earth.

In the case of the sun we can see, with the aid of the spectroscopic, in about what order some of the constituents of its shell are placed, but we can only scratch the surface of the earth, and we know by direct observation far less of the order in which the deeper parts of its crust are laid down. Here, however, the study of the sun comes in to help us in the study of the earth. On the sun metallic elements abound underneath the lighter substances forming the upper or outer portion of its incandescent shell. There is reason to think that a similar order prevails in the crust of the earth, and that deep down beneath the surface, if we could penetrate there, we should find a much larger proportion of the heavier metals than we find near the surface.—*Youth's Companion*.

The Same Then as Now.
Here is an extract from the diary of a lady of fashion of the last century which has the note of complaint of the present day:

"Our streets are not wide enough for the carriages nor the week long enough for one's engagements. There isn't enough money or enough time to spend it in. In short, such